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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, having a three-month period of response ending April 17, 2004, Applicants wish to amend their application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 11, and 12. Please amend Claims 7, 35, and 49 as

follows:

1. (cancelled)

2-6. (withdrawn)

7. (Currently Amended) The concealed sprinkler head of claim 47, wherein said body member has an inner surface and a spring positioned between said inner surface and said mounting surface, said spring configured to thrust said member away from said mounting surface.

8. (original) The concealed sprinkler head of claim 7, wherein said spring further comprises a first substantially linear section and a second substantially linear section joined by an arcuate section.

9-10. (withdrawn)

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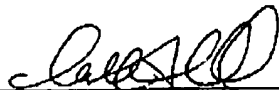
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|   | Col. 1                                    |       | Col. 2                                | Col. 3           | Small<br>Entity |              | Other Than A<br>Small Entity |              |
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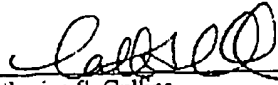
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